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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Laura Abrams, Regulatory Affairs Analyst  
QEP Energy Company  
1050 17th Street, Suite 500  
Denver, Colorado 80265

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC); Notice of Violation: Loss of Mechanical Integrity for the RW 13-22B Well (EPA Well ID # UT20000-02407, API 43-047-15261) and the RW 41-21B Well (EPA Well ID # UT20000-02426, API # 43-047-16482) – Red Wash Oil Field, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Abrams:

On June 8, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency learned via phone call that the QEP Energy Company injection wells referenced above failed a mechanical integrity test on June 7, 2016. Pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.28(f)(2) (40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(2)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(3), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test. You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, please submit a letter describing what action you intend to take regarding the well, including a time frame in which you anticipate the work to be completed. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, a plugging and abandonment plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Any failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. parts 144, 146, and 148 is subject to enforcement by the EPA, as provided in section 1423 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h 2.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gary Wang at (303) 312-6469. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Gary Wang at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Bohan  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

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